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SUBJECT: MBFR: ACDA MEETING WITH POLISH DEPUTY FOREIGN
MINISTER ROMUALD SPASOWSKI

1. ACDA ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR SLOSS MET WITH POLISH
DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER SPASOWSKI APRIL 28 FOR DISCUSSION
OF MBFR.

2. DATA--SPASOWSKI TOOK LEAD, SAYING THAT CURRENT DATA
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DISCUSSION IN VIENNA HAS FAILED TO RESOLVE ISSUE OF "BASIC
EVOLUTION OF FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE". HE UNDERLINED
POLISH VIEW THAT PARITY EXISTS IN MILITARY BALANCE IN NGA
AS SHOWN BY PACT AND NATO FIGURES ALREADY TABLED IN
VIENNA. SPASOWSKI ASCRIBED INABILITY TO MOVE TALKS AHEAD
TO NATO CLAIM THAT LARGE MANPOWER DISPARITY EXISTS IN
FAVOR OF PACT, AND WEST'S DEMAND FOR REDUCTIONS THAT WOULD

FAVOR NATO SIDE. SPASOWSKI ADDED THAT POLES ARE CONVINCED WESTERN ESTIMATES FOR EAST DO NOT CORRESPOND TO ACTUAL STRENGTH OF PACT FORCES. HE SAID POLES ATTACH MUCH SIGNIFICANCE TO TABLING OF NATIONAL DATA AND THAT EAST IS READY FOR SUCH EXCHANGE ALTHOUGH WEST SEEMS RELUCTANT TO MAKE THIS MOVE.

3. WESTERN EUROPEAN REDUCTIONS--SPASOWSKI DESCRIBED

WESTERN EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION IN REDUCTIONS AS MAJOR EASTERN GOAL. "IN OUR VIEW" HE SAID "PROPER GUARANTEES FROM WEST EUROPEANS ARE INDISPENSABLE CONDITION TO START OF SOVIET REDUCTIONS".

4. COMMON CEILING AND FRG REDUCTIONS--REJECTING CONCEPT OF COMMON CEILING, SPASOWSKI SAID IT WOULD PERMIT "SOME" TO AVOID REDUCTIONS AND EVEN INCREASE THEIR FORCES TO OFFSET REDUCTIONS OF OTHERS. THIS WOULD LEGALLY APPROVE GROWTH OF FRG FORCES WHICH, HE SAID, IS VERY SENSITIVE POINT FOR POLAND. "MY MAIN MESSAGE TO YOU" HE CONTINUED "IS THAT WE CAN NEVER ACCEPT EXPANSION OF BUNDESWEHR".

5. FREEZE--SPASOWSKI DESCRIBED EASTERN FREEZE PROPOSAL AS FIRST STEP TOWARD REDUCING FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE, AND SAID IT IS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND WESTERN RESISTANCE TO THIS EASTERN IDEA.

6. SLOSS RESPONDED TO THESE POINTS ALONG USUAL LINES, UNDERLINING WESTERN CONCEPTS OF PARITY AND COLLECTIVITY,
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STRESSING WESTERN UNWILLINGNESS TO FREEZE CURRENT ASYMMETRIES, AND NOTING HIS HOPE THAT WE CAN MAKE PROGRESS DURING NEXT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA TO IDENTIFY SOURCES OF DIFFERENCES IN EASTERN AND WESTERN DATA.

7. ACTION ADDRESSEES MAY DRAW ON ABOVE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH ALLIES AS APPROPRIATE.
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